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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Appln. No.: 10/615,825

Group Art Unit: 3683

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Examiner: M. Torres

For: BRAKE DRUM FOR WET-TYPE BAND BRAKE DRUM AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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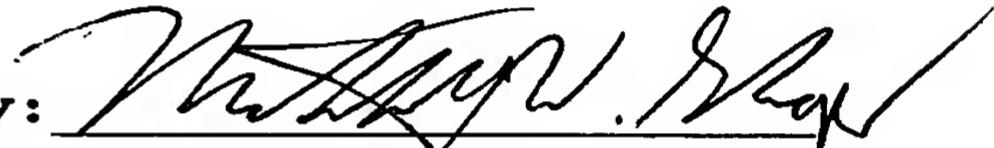
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2004, and to the requirement for restriction therein, Applicants elect invention I (Claims 1-6 and 12-15) for examination, reserving the right to file one or more divisional applications regarding the non-elected inventions. Applicants presume that the Examiner intended to group dependent method Claims 16-18 with invention II.

An action on the merits of the claims to the elected invention is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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